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David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
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Re: *Generic Docket to Establish Generally Available Terms and Conditions  
for Interconnection*  
Docket No. 01-00526

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of BellSouth's Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**IN RE:       *GENERIC DOCKET TO ESTABLISH GENERALLY AVAILABLE TERMS  
AND CONDITIONS FOR INTERCONNECTION***

**Docket No. 01-00526**

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE COMMENTS**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") respectfully requests a one week extension of the date for filing comments on the Report and Recommendation issued by the Hearing Officer on March 15, 2002.

The Report and Recommendation addresses numerous issues which BellSouth will need to analyze in order to prepare its comments. For example, the Hearing Officer proposes 15 revisions to the amended modified interconnection agreement. The Hearing Officer further recommends that the Authority proceed with the preparation of this docket for hearing on 16 issues listed in Attachment 2 to the Report. The Hearing Officer's Report also recommends that the Authority adopt certain policy decisions. (e.g., see Report at p. 6) These recommendations, together with others set forth in the Report, need to be carefully addressed by the parties and the Authority before further action is taken.

Accordingly, BellSouth respectfully requests that the date for filing comments be extended from March 22, 2002 until March 29, 2002. Counsel for Verizon Wireless Tennessee Partnership, the Southeast Competitive Carriers

Association, Time Warner Telecommunications of the Mid-South, L.P., XO Communications, Inc. and MCI WorldCom, Inc. have authorized BellSouth to state that they have no opposition to extending the time for parties to file comments to March 29, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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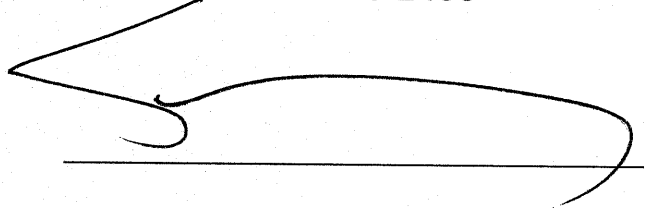
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